MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has been asked to submit proposals to the Government before the close of the year 1098. His report has not yet been received.

Promotion of Temperance.

58. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce the following measures in order to minimise, as far as possible, the drink habit and the annoyances arising therefrom to the public:

(*a*) to lay down a rule that no liquor shops should be opened within a distance of less than half a mile from temples, schools and public offices;

(*b*) to make the sale of liquor after 6 P. M. penal;

(*c*) to declare the sale of liquor to, or the purchase of liquor by, Government servants, penal;

(*d*) to rule that the sale of liquor shall not be permitted in shops in which other articles are kept for sale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 57.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

59. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) How many arrack and toddy shops were resold during this year?

(*b*) What was the loss or gain in each case on account of such resale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 37 arrack and 36 toddy shops.

(*b*) A statement * containing the information is laid on the table. It may be noted that losses due to resales are recoverable from the original purchasers, and the usual steps will, no doubt, be taken to recover these losses as far as possible.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

60. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of toddy and arrack shops resold during 1098, up to the end of Mithunam?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 59 by Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.

Import of Salt.

61. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of

* *Vide* Appendix IV—pages 218 and 219.

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